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District Attorney Jeffords' Report on the Wham Trial.

United States District Attorney Jeffords, of Arizona, has sent to Attorney General Miller a detailed report of the trial of the men charged with the robbery of Paymaster Wham. The trial resulted in a general acquittal, but District Attorney Jeffords in his report says:

"The evidence pointed conclusively to the guilt of most of the defendants, and, in our judgment, there was evidence sufficient to have convicted them all. Every man who was in the place placed on trial in this case, and personally identified by one or more of the witnesses who had been engaged in the battle where the robbery took place."

After sketching the evidence of identification, he continues:

"It would seem that this personal identification of the defendants should have been enough to secure conviction. But, added to the fact that all of the parties defendant were personally recognized by witnesses, who testified to that fact, we had this further fact against them."

The proof referred to was the discovery of some peculiar personal property at the place of the robbery, which was shown to have belonged to defendants. He further says:

"This was the direct proof of the Government's case. The defense then attempted to meet this proof by an alibi for each of the defendants, which, to the average mind, in every instance bore unmistakable evidence of having been fabricated. These alibis were controverted, and in many instances were entirely overthrown by the evidence for the Government, which was unimpeachable. The verdict of the jury, finding these defendants not guilty, was a great surprise to the counsel for the Government, and was received with amazement by the community generally. It was reached in such a brief period of time as to forbid the conclusion that it was the result of deliberation, a verdict having been reached within one hour after the case had been submitted to the jury, it in the meantime having consumed a part of this time to its noonday meal. The community here generally is outraged at this verdict."

The efforts of the investigating officers of the Government have been such as to receive the approbation of all the people in this country in favor of law and order. These officers, in their investigations, encountered a combination of men sustained and largely supported by the fruits of this great crime. The witnesses for the defense were almost entirely of the worst class of Mormons, many of them relatives of the defendants, and perjury, open, flagrant and defiant, was committed at every stage of the defense. Vigorous steps should be taken to bring to justice these persons who did testify falsely and corruptly for the purpose of securing the acquittal of these undoubted robbers, to the end that justice may not be prostituted by the suborning of witnesses in every case where the Government is concerned."

The report is signed by Harry L. Jeffords, United States Attorney; S. M. Franklin, special assistant, and Wm. Herring, special assistant. To the report is appended numerous clippings from both Republican and Democratic newspapers of that vicinity, expressing horror at what is generally termed a "miscarriage of justice."

California Raisins Displacing Malaga Fruits.

Consul Marston, of Malaga, contributes an article about the decline of the Malaga raisin industry. He says that the large production of California raisins within the last two years has had a disastrous effect upon the sales and shipment of Malaga fruit to the United States. The Spaniard is beginning to realize the fact that there are other countries besides Spain where raisins can be successfully produced. In 1882 the crop of raisins produced in Malaga reached 1,900,000 boxes, of which there were shipped to the United States nearly 1,000,000 boxes. Since that time shipments to the United States have been gradually but steadily decreasing, until 1888, when the total production only amounted to about 700,000 boxes, of which 112,000 only have been exported to the United States. This is a fearful decline in six years, but it is partly owing to the decline in yield. There are many persons who predict that the vintage of 1889 will reduce still further the purchases made for exportation to the United States, and that in a few years Malaga raisins will be replaced for our home consumption by those produced in California.

The founder of the New York Sun died last week. He sold the Sun in 1836 for \$40,000. Mr. Dana now holds it at \$5,000,000.

To Preserve the Casa Grande Ruins.

Mr. Victor Mandeloff, of the Bureau of Ethnology, Smithsonian Institute, at Washington, D. C., has just visited the ruins of Casa Grande, accompanied by his wife. He has surveyed its surroundings, accompanied by Mr. Whittemore, and has taken from 13 to 18 photographic views and made a thorough investigation of the buildings and mounds adjacent. He will suggest to the Department the advisability of fencing in 40 acres with barbed wire fence; excavating the debris within the walls and rooms of the building; bricking around the outside walls and, when the excavation is completed, he will advise that heavy timbers be erected at each inside corner of the center room, as a support for rafters for a corrugated iron roof to project six feet beyond the walls of the edifice. This, he thinks, will protect from any further erosion from storms and at the same time it will not hide the view of the structure, nor mar its appearance.—Florence Enterprise.

The newest thing in cigarettes has been introduced by Charles Delmonico, who has brought over what will strike most cigarette smokers as being a novelty. The cigarette is made of Turkish tobacco, and is considerably thicker and heavier than the American cigarette. Nearly half an inch of one end of the cigarette is covered with a roll of pure twenty-two-carat gold leaf, which is exceedingly pleasant to the mouth, and does away with the stickiness which all cigarette smokers find fault with, particularly during the cold weather. Chapped lips with the new cigarette will be impossible. As a spectacular object it is decidedly brilliant in appearance. It will be the most expensive cigarette in the market, and its success with certain New Yorkers is therefore assured.—New York Sun.

A shooting affray which did not result fatally through no fault of one of the participants occurred Saturday afternoon last in Clinton. John Moore, a bartender at Barnum's saloon, feeling aggrieved at Arthur Gamble who occupies a similar position in John H. Hovey's saloon, got his little gun and started on a gunning expedition after Gamble. He found his game in Capt. Kelly's saloon and at once opened fire. Gamble received a wound in the arm and several first class sprinters developed. Moore escaped and at a late hour Sunday night Deputy Sheriff Hovey with a posse was in pursuit. No cause is known for the deed.—Correspondent Valley Bulletin.

Boston women have a new fad which is to have plaster casts made of a hand, a foot, and one aspiring young lady had a plaster cast made of her leg, for the purposes of holiday gifts to friends and house decoration. Think of that, ye spoony lovers! To have the fac simile of your sweetest's hand in your pocket, or of her foot—beautiful foot—or of her leg—but we desist; there is a limit beyond which even a newspaper reporter hesitates to venture.—Phoenix Herald.

Surveyor-General Royal A. Johnson has received a letter from a party in New Orleans who professes to represent the only true and genuine claimants to the "Peralta grant in Arizona." General Johnson promptly answered the New Orleans man, advising that he spare himself all trouble in the matter, as there was no such grant in this Territory.—Stockman.

Some idea of the magnitude of this year's agricultural product in the West may be derived from the statement that the railroads are using all their cars, and yet need 65,000 more in order to transport the grain that is awaiting shipment. That is to say the only shortage in the country is that of facilities for getting surplus products to market.

In widespread and solid prosperity 1889 has seldom been beaten by any year, taking the world as a whole. Not only has the general average in business activity been greater in the United States than in any year of the preceding four or five, but a like condition of things prevails in England, Germany and France.

Another "impossible" electric thing has occurred: A man was killed in New York last week by a portable incandescent lamp which he was carrying. It was claimed that the wire carried only 130 volts, which "would harm nobody." But the man is dead all the same, and the little lamp killed him.

It was the late Henry W. Grady who characterized Abraham Lincoln as "the first typical American, the first who comprehended within himself all the strength and gentleness, all the majesty and grace of this republic."

The Influenza Epidemic.

The epidemic of influenza which started in St. Petersburg and first affected the East, and then spreading over Europe, has now, it appears, following its tendency to become pandemic or world-wide in its extent, made its appearance here.

This particular form of epidemic is not new, though, happily, it has hitherto attacked this country in a milder form than it has assumed elsewhere, and has prevailed less generally here than in other regions. The Medical Record refers to the interesting fact that it visited us 100 years ago as is shown in the letter of Dr. John Warren to Dr. Lettison, where the physician of revolutionary memory spoke of Washington as "but now recovering from a severe and dangerous attack of it." There was formerly a notion that the disease appeared thus epidemically in definite cycles of 100 years, but actual experience has exploded all that, the medical journal recalling such an epidemic spread from China in 1830 to Russia and throughout Europe in 1831, and to this country in 1832, when finally